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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY, INTERDEPARTMENT RADIO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Request for IRAC Membership

1. Thank you for your letter of 7 September 1950 concerning the request of this Agency for membership in IRAC.

2. It would appear that your consideration of our request was based primarily upon the erroneous impression that CIA's principal reason for desiring IRAC membership was to obtain a closer knowledge of existing radio operations for purposes of frequency utilization. That was not our principal reason since such information is considered to be only a minor corollary benefit of our membership.

3. CIA is in the process of implementing an extensive world-wide radio communications system which will insure that the intelligence requirements of the United States are adequately met at all times, and particularly during emergency periods. Equipment is now being procured and personnel trained for the single purpose of this major communications effort. The factor which still remains undetermined is that of necessary frequency assignments which must, of course, be allocated at a high level in order to insure permanent tenure. Membership in IRAC, which controls United States Government frequency usage, would, therefore, be the most practical and expeditious means of effecting the requisite coordination with the military and other Government agencies in securing assignment of frequencies to CIA.

4. It is recognized that past frequency requirements of this Agency have been satisfactorily met by other means but it is unlikely in view of the projected expansion that these means will be adequate in the future.

5. It is requested, therefore, that the application of this Agency for IRAC membership be reconsidered on the basis of the factors set forth above.

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